

P.G. Chambers School
Virtual or Remote Instruction and Related Services Plan
Fall 2021- Spring 2022

Fall 2021 on-site school will resume for all students, five days a week, from 9:00 to 3:00.

Effective this fall, the provision of remote education and related services is restricted to classroom or school closures and student quarantine due to exposure or positive cases of COVID-19.

In the event the student is required to quarantine (see below), virtual instruction and related services will be provided based on the on-site school schedule. Services will be provided upon notification of a need to quarantine or no later than three days following the start of the quarantine period. Virtual instruction will be provided by the student's on-site teachers, with the student joining the classroom remotely. Students will have access to instruction a minimum of four hours daily. Related services will be provided via telehealth, an option that has been authorized by the State through January 11, 2022.

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION READINESS

All student families are surveyed upon enrollment and annually thereafter about their home technology to determine if equipment and internet connectivity are appropriate to support virtual instruction and telehealth. Equipment will be loaned as needed (see Loaned equipment section below.)

All instructional and related services staff have been trained to use GoToMeeting, our virtual learning platform. Our IT coordinator is available to assist with technology issues staff or families at any time during the school day.

QUARANTINES

Unvaccinated students will be required to quarantine after travel or primary exposure with some exceptions. Those fully vaccinated (two weeks past final dose) and those who have had a positive COVID diagnosis within the past 90 days must monitor symptoms and may be required to show proof of negative COVID test (see travel section below.) Proof of vaccination status and/or diagnosis may be required by nursing.

Students who are unvaccinated will be required to quarantine after a primary exposure. A fourteen-day quarantine is required.

FAMILY TRAVEL:

We ask that all families consider the CDC guidance on travel and notify nursing of airline travel in advance of trip. The CDC strongly advises people to delay travel until they are fully vaccinated. [Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers | CDC](#) Families should follow the [recommendations from the CDC](#).

In addition, we strongly encourage families to review the State Department travel advisories specific to the destination country in advance of booking and embarking on international travel. [International Travel \(state.gov\)](#)

- **Vaccinated** travelers traveling **internationally**: obtain a PCR test 3-5 days after returning to the United States. Return to school can occur after a negative result from this test and with no symptoms of COVID-19.

- **Unvaccinated** travelers traveling **internationally**: obtain a PCR test 3-5 days after returning to the United States. Given a negative result and no symptoms of COVID-19, return to school after 10 days, on the 11th day.
- **Vaccinated** travelers traveling **domestically**: monitor for symptoms, no testing required.
- **Unvaccinated** travelers traveling **domestically**: obtain a PCR test 3-5 days after returning from your trip. Given a negative result and no symptoms of COVID-19, return to school on the 8th day. Testing and quarantine are not required when traveling within the 5-state region (NJ, NY, CT, PA, DE.)

DAILY – PRE-SCREENING

All parents have the responsibility to assess their child and take their temperature (without medication) BEFORE sending them to school.

Fever is not always present in cases of COVID-19. OTHER SYMPTOMS include:

- Cough
 - Congestion
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Atypical vital signs – BP, Pulse, Respirations, Pulse Ox
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste
 - New loss of smell
 - Rashes
 - Unexplained red or pink eyes
 - Gastro intestinal involvement.
- *ANYONE WHO IS SICK AND/OR IS EXHIBITING FEVER OR OTHER COVID 19 SYMPTOMS IS NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE BUILDING, unless there is a documented diagnosis that accounts for the symptoms being experienced.*

ENTERING THE BUILDING

Anyone entering the building is screened for COVID 19. Daily temperatures are taken for students.

In addition:

- Backpacks and multiple bags are discouraged.
- When driven by family (rather than bus), student will be greeted by staff at the car and escorted to the screening area. Parents are asked to exit their vehicles to remove the student from their car.

IF CLEARED TO ENTER BUILDING:

- Students are brought to classroom and have hands washed and any belongings placed in cubbies. All lunch boxes are stored in individual cubbies and sent home at the end of the day.
- Student medications are retrieved by nurses upon arrival. Medications are in a clear bag (provided by the nursing department), labeled with child's name. Medications are returned to child's lunchbox prior to dismissal.
- Student temperatures are re-checked mid-day, and more frequently as indicated.

IF ILLNESS NOTED UPON ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL:

- Anyone with a temp of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above, or exhibiting any COVID 19 symptoms not attributable to another condition as determined by nursing, is sent home for a minimum of 72 hours fever free without fever reducing medication.
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html
- Students who exhibit symptoms don a mask for transport to the nursing office's isolation room for further assessment. If the child has a private duty nurse, he/she would remain with the child during isolation. Pending symptoms, parent is contacted to pick student up. If necessary, student is transported to the hospital via ambulance. Student dons a mask once leaving the nursing office to exit building.
- Further action is determined in consultation with nursing personnel who ensure compliance with the Hanover Township Health Department and current CDC guidelines.
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html

A doctor's note and a negative COVID test may be required to return to school depending on symptoms of illness.

IF ILLNESS NOTED ONCE AT SCHOOL:

- If staff suspects a student illness, they should call a nurse to come to the student and conduct an assessment. If needed, the nurse places a mask on the student and escorts him/her to the isolation room.
- Students are placed in isolation room for assessment.
- If deemed necessary to leave the school, the above protocol for students is followed.
- Guidance from the Hanover Township Department of Health is followed once a student has been reported ill with COVID 19 symptoms.

ISOLATION (located in nursing office):

- Isolation door is to remain closed during room use. Back door of isolation room is to be opened for ventilation.
- In the event of an emergency, if a child needs a nebulizer or suctioning, the isolation room would be used with the door closed and the back door ajar for ventilation.
- Once room is unoccupied it is cleaned and disinfected prior to next use.

RETURN TO SCHOOL:

- In the event of general illness, students are permitted to return after being fever free for 72 hours. Without a fever, students may return after recovery.
- If diagnosed with COVID 19, students (who have isolated for a minimum of 10 days following diagnosis or onset of symptoms) are permitted to return after being fever free for at least 72 hours.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html

In the event of POSITIVE COVID 19 CASE IN SCHOOL:

- NJDOE guidelines will be followed.
- PGCS Nursing department executes contact tracing for all positive COVID cases.

- The Hanover Township Department of Health (HTDOH) will be contacted to inform them when a decision to close one or two classrooms is made. In the event total school closure is considered, we will consult with the HTDOH and follow their guidance and directives.
- In the event a classroom or the school is closed, the HTDOH and the State DOE will be notified using their required form.
- In the event a classroom or the school is required to close or a student is quarantining, virtual instruction will be provided for all affected students for the duration of the closure.
- Current guidelines are followed in consultation with the HTDOH.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html>

LOANED EQUIPMENT:

- PG Chambers School will work with the family to ensure that the family has the appropriate computer equipment, internet access, and assistive technology to participate in virtual instruction and telehealth. Each student's family is asked to complete a technology survey so that the School can identify and correct any deficiencies noted.
- The School will loan computer equipment and assistive technology and/or provide wifi hotspots, as needed.
- Prior to returning to the school building, parents will bring equipment (hours/days to be determined) that is owned by School or sending district.
- All equipment will be moved inside by gloved and masked staff and remain untouched for 24 hours. After 24 hours, equipment can be cleaned and sanitized accordingly.

STUDENT MEALS:

PG Chambers School does not provide meals to students. Meals are sent in with the student daily. Therefore, during virtual instruction, there is not a provision to deliver meals to the home.

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